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(b) whether it is the intention of the Government when the scheme is brought into operation to do away with all or any of the elementary schools maintained by the Labour department?

A.—(a) Local bodies which maintain elementary schools have alone been advised to prepare schemes in the light of the recommendations made in Mr. Champion's report and submit them to the Director of Public Instruction. Seventeen taluk boards and nine municipal councils have so far addressed the Director in the matter. Of these, nine taluk boards and all the municipal councils have generally approved of the recommendations in the report. No communication has been received from any District Educational Council approving of the recommendations.

(b) If a school maintained by the Labour department is found to be superfluous and if the pupils in that school can be provided for in any of the existing schools, its removal will be considered provided there is some guarantee that the facilities for pupils of the depressed classes will not be diminished after the Labour school has been closed.

Alleged incompleteness of the list of areas suitable for opening schools.

* 357 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the list of places noted in Annexure B of the Director of Public Instruction's proceedings R.O.C. No. 1855-B/29, dated 19th June 1930, is incomplete with regard to Sankari Taluk Board;

(b) whether any correspondence has passed between the President of the Taluk Board and the Government as regards the inclusion of certain important places which he considered suitable for opening girls' schools in the list issued by the Director of Public Instruction; and

(c) why the suggestion of the President of the Taluk Board was not taken into consideration?

A.—(a) The lists of school-less centres are prepared on the basis of the population recorded in the Village Census Statistics of 1921 and in consultation with the Inspectresses of Schools. The list referred to in the question is the third list and is as complete as possible. The Director of Public Instruction proposes to revise it in the light of the census figures for 1931 as soon as they are available.

(b) Yes—between the President of the Taluk Board and the Director of Public Instruction.

(c) The centres suggested by the President of the Taluk Board, Sankari, had a population of less than 2,000 according to the census of 1921. The Government are not subsidizing local boards towards the cost of opening and maintaining girls' schools in centres with a population of less than 2,000.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar:—" May I know whether population is the only consideration? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Yes, Sir; under the existing rules, population is the consideration."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to reduce the number of the population limit with regard to school centres? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There is no such proposal under consideration."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" With regard to at least the backward communities, Sir? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" With regard to none."

Proposed use of the buildings of the Government School of Commerce for the Training School for men, Calicut.

* 358 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the accommodation for the Government Training School for men, Calicut, is adequate;

(*b*) whether the District Educational Officer, Malabar, suggested at any time the use of the buildings of the Government School of Commerce, Calicut, for the use of the Training School for men, during the period of the day when the commercial school is not in session;

(*c*) what the hours of working of the School of Commerce are;

(*d*) what the decision of the Government is on the subject; and

(*e*) whether there is a proposal to change the working hours of the Government School of Commerce, Calicut?

A.—(*a*) The accommodation is considered fairly satisfactory.

(*b*) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction, however, was of the view that the existing accommodation will suffice for the present on the execution of certain minor improvements which have been carried out.

(*c*) The typewriting class is held from 7-45 to 10-45 a.m. and from 3-30 to 7-30 p.m. The other classes are held from 7-45 to 9-45 a.m. and from 4-30 to 7-30 p.m.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) No.

List of Government Training Schools for Women in the Presidency.

* 359 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of Government training schools for women in this Presidency on 1st March 1931;

(*b*) the strength of the secondary, higher elementary and lower elementary training classes in each of these schools on 1st March 1931;